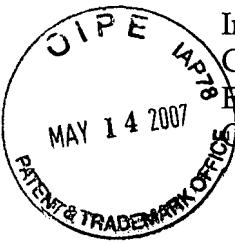


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of November 14, 2006, and in light of the telephone interview with Examiner Ouellette on April 27, 2007, please consider the following submission that includes new arguments in support of patentability.

The claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Claims 1--13 have been previously presented.

Claims 14-16 have been canceled.

Claims 17-21 have been previously presented.

Claims 22-28 have been canceled.

Claims 29-33 have been previously presented.

Claims 34-40 have been canceled.

Claims 41 has been previously presented.

Accordingly, claims 1-13, 17-21, 29-33, and 41 are pending in the application.